

Schemes for Installing Telephone Facilities

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SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had decided to launch a time-bound scheme for installing telephone facilities in all the villages of the country;

(b) if so, the targeted number of villages in which the telephone facilities have been provided during the last three years;

(c) whether the telephone facilities have been provided in the villages as per the targets fixed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the difference between the target fixed and target achieved during the above period and the target fixed for 1997-98 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The details are given in the statement attached.

Statement

| Year | Target | Achievement | Difference |
|---------|--------|-------------|------------|
| 1994-95 | 50000 | 47659 | 2341 |
| 1995-96 | 105000 | 31496 | 73504 |
| 1996-97 | 75000 | 56719 | 18281 |
| 1997-98 | 83000 | | |

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Target Fixed for Rural Telephone Facility

5382. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

Statement**Status of telephone exchanges (Trichur SSA)**

| S. No. | Name of Exchange | Capacity | DELS W/L | Total | Date of Release |
|--------|------------------|----------|----------|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. | Alagappanagar | 3000 | 2596 | 1307 | 12-5-95 |
| 2. | Annamanada | 1000 | 828 | 550 | 12-03-96 |
| 3. | Arangottukara | 184 | 179 | 381 | 19-9-91 |
| 4. | Ayyanthola | 3000 | 2621 | 747 | 09-10-95 |
| 5. | Chalakudy UI | 3000 | 3390 | 1947 | 30-09-95 |

(a) the targets were fixed for the extension of telephone facility in the rural areas of the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the total actual number of villages which were provided telephone facility at the end of the plan; and

(c) the number of villages having telephone facility during the beginning year of the Eighth Five Year Plan ?

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The target fixed for the Eighth Plan period was 3.38 lakhs Village Public Telephones (VPTs).

(b) Total 1.934 lakhs villages have been provided with telephone facilities during the end of Eighth Plan.

(c) Total 74,404 villages were having the Telephone facilities at the beginning of the Eighth Plan.

Waiting List for Telephones in Trichur District

5383. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the waiting lists position of the demand for new telephone connections in different exchanges in Trichur district of Kerala and the date upto which the waiting lists has been cleared in each exchange; and

(b) the steps being taken to clear the waiting lists in each of these exchanges speedly ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Waiting list position and date of clearance of waiting list of each of telephone exchange in Trichur District is given in the statement enclosed.

(b) It is proposed to expand the telephone exchanges in Trichur District by about 50,000 lines to clear the waiting list at least up to 31.3.95 in all exchanges by 31.03.98 and the remaining progressively in subsequent years subject to availability of resources.